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SUBJ: GHANAIAN PRESS REACTION SECRETARY'S FEBRUARY 19 REMARKS
ON AFRICA-US RELATIONS

1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED GHANAIAN TIMES EDITORIAL MARCH 21 TITLED QTE THE PROMISE OF THE UNITED STATES UNQTE DISCUSSED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS ON US-AFRICA RELATIONS ON OCCASION SWEARING- IN ASSTSEC EASUM.

2. EDITORIAL SAYS STATEMENT IS MOST ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM WASHINGTON FOR LONG TIME, BUT THAT AFRICANS JUDGE GREAT POWERS BY DEEDS, NOT WORDS. EXPRESSES EARNEST HOPE KISSINGER'S STATEMENT NOT MERELY FACE-SAVING TACTICAL PLOY, BUT THAT IT REPRESENTS AMERICA'S TRUE DESIRE ASSIST AFRICA SOLVE MANY TEETHING PROBLEMS, MOST OF WHICH THREATEN PEACE AND STABILITY OF WORLD. CITES PRIORITY OF FIGHT AGAINST COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM AND RACIALSIM, THEN STATES US MUST DECIDE IF TRADE, INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA AND QUOTE MILITARY ALLIANCE UNQUOTE WITH PORTUGAL WORTH MORE THAN GOODWILL OF WHOLE AFRICAN CONTINENT.

3. EDITORIAL CALLS FOR DRASTIC CHANGES IN US AFRICAN POLICIES, SAYING US SHOULD FOR EXAMPLE END SILENCE OVER BRITAIN'S HANDLING
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OF RHODESIAN ISSUE, PORTUGAL'S COLONIAL POLICY, AND

NOT ALLOW SENTIMENT ABOUT NATO CLOUD US JUDGMENT AS TO PORTUGAL'S BEHAVIOR. ABOVE ALL, US BY POSITIVE ACTIONS MUST MAKE AFRICANS BELIEVE US BELIEVES IN RACIAL EQUALITY. US COULD USE TRADE, INVESTMENT, AND ITS LEADERSHIP TO SPEARHEAD MOVEMENT TO SUPPORT AFRICAN ACTIONS TO FORCE CHANGES IN SOUTH AFRICAN AND PORTUGUESE POLICIES.

4. PIECE ENDS QUOTE IF AMERICA FAILS IN TAKING POSITIVE STEPS TO ASSIST AFRICA IN HER STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND RACIALISM, SHE WILL UNDO ALL THE GOOD THAT HER OTHER POLICIES IN AFRICA WILL CREATE UNQUOTE.

5. COMMENT: THIS SINGLE EDITORIAL REPORTED AT LENGTH BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT REPRESENTS RELATIVELY MODERATE AFRICAN STATEMENT ON ISSUE WHICH WILL INCREASINGLY AFFECT US RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICA.
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